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Title 29-A: MOTOR VEHICLES HEADING: PL
1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (new); Pt. B, §5 (aff)

Chapter 19: OPERATION HEADING: PL
1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (new); Pt. B, §5 (aff)

§2083. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR

1. Requirement. The following persons must wear protective headgear:

A. If under 18 years of age, a passenger on a motorcycle or in an attached side car; [2009 , c . 50 , §1 (AMD) .]

B. If under 18 years of age, an operator of a motorcycle; [2009 , c . 50 , §2 (AMD) .]

C. An operator of a motorcycle, operating under a learner's permit or within one year of successfully completing a driving test; and [2005 , c . 577 , §33 (AMD) .]

D. A passenger of an operator required to wear headgear. [1993 , c . 683 , Pt . A , §2 (NEW) ; 1993 , c . 683 , Pt . B , §5 (AFF) .]

[2009 , c . 50 , §§1 , 2 (AMD) .]

2. Compliance. An operator of a motorcycle or a parent or guardian may not allow a passenger under the age of 18 years to ride in violation of this section.

[2009 , c . 652 , Pt . C , §5 (RPR) .]

3. Standard. Protective headgear must conform with minimum standards of construction and performance as prescribed by the American National Standards Institute specifications Z 90.1 or by the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218.

[1993 , c . 683 , Pt . A , §2 (NEW) ; 1993 , c . 683 , Pt . B , §5 (AFF) .]

4. Public program. In furtherance of reasonable protective public policy, the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Highway Safety must develop and implement a public information and education program designed to encourage helmet utilization by all motorcycle and moped riders.

[2005 , c . 577 , §33 (AMD) .]

5. Violation. Violation of this section is a traffic infraction.

[1993 , c . 683 , Pt . A , §2 (NEW) ; 1993 , c . 683 , Pt . B , §5 (AFF) .]

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